

288 Child Hill Road  
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The Environment Committee  
Room 3200  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re. Senate Bill No. 830

I write in support of Senate Bill 830, to ban outdoor wood furnaces in Connecticut.

There are four outdoor wood furnaces within easy walking distance from my house. I often smell smoke inside and outside my house. While I am not aware of adverse health effects I have suffered as a result of the smoke at this time, I have read the State DEP's statements about the pollutants generated by OWFs, and I am concerned about long-term effects on my own health and that of my neighbors.

I understand that most people who have these OWFs bought and installed them in accordance with current Connecticut laws, at considerable expense. If OWFs are banned, including those already installed, perhaps there could be a period of years in which they would be phased out. I don't know if there could be any financial assistance for these homeowners.

I used to think Connecticut's Quiet Corner had healthy air to breathe. Now I wonder if the air quality in some of our more densely settled cities and towns may be better.

I urge you to do what you can to insure that all of us in Connecticut have clean air to breathe.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret Anderson